GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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FLIGHT TRAINING AT AFFORDABLE COST
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge shortage of the Institutions offering flight training in the country;

(b) if so, whether the young Indians aspiring to become Commercial Pilots are forced to opt for costly Global Schools for Training;

(c) if so, the steps taken to establish sufficient number of such Institutes in the country; and

(d) the steps being undertaken for imparting flight training to those who are unable to meet the huge expenses for joining overseas institutions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) and (d):- At present 27 flying traininginstitutes are operational in the country. However,training in India or abroad is a matter of individual choice of the trainee. Directorate General of Civil Aviation(DGCA) has received 54 applications for setting up new flying training institutes in various parts of the country. The existing flying training institutes in India are expanding capacity to meet the increasing demand of pilotsin the industry. To further ease the situation, the Government has taken various steps. These include approval to new schools, upgradation and modernisation of training infrastructure of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi(IGRUA) to enhance its training capacity and reduce training period, setting up of a world class flying traininginstitute at Gondia, Maharashtra and assistance to flying clubs by allocating trainer aircraft through the Directorate General of Civil Aviation/Aero Club of India.